



Washington State Health Care Authority
Prescription Drug Program

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Dear Interested Party,

Following recommendations by the Washington State Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Department of Social and Health Services - Medical Assistance Administration (DSHS-MAA), the Health Care Authority - Uniform Medical Plan (UMP), and the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) have named the following drugs as preferred in their respective therapeutic classes on the Washington State Preferred Drug List (PDL):

Skeletal Muscle Relaxants

cyclobenzaprine (generic products only)
methocarbamol (generic products only)
baclofen (generic products only)

Triptans

sumatriptan (all formulations)
naratriptan
almotriptan
zolmitriptan (all formulations)

Oral Hypoglycemics

glyburide (generic immediate release products only)
glipizide (generic immediate release products only)

Urinary Incontinence

oxybutynin (generic immediate release products only)

Long Acting Opioids

methadone (generic products only)
Oramorph SR® (all other morphine sulfate sustained release products are non-preferred)

Calcium Channel Blockers

amlodipine
diltiazem (generic products only)
diltiazem XR (generic products only)
nifedipine XR (generic products only)
verapamil (generic products only)
verapamil XR (generic products only)

ACE Inhibitors

benazepril (generic products only)
captopril (generic products only)
enalapril (generic products only)
lisinopril (generic products only)
ramipril

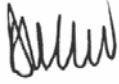
Each agency will use the common PDL according to its benefit structure.

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These changes will be effective January 1, 2005 for DSHS-MAA and UMP. L&I will implement applicable changes on December 1, 2004.

If you have other questions or comments regarding this announcement, please contact Erika Clayton at (206) 521-2027 or by email at pdp@hca.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Thurman".

Duane Thurman

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